

# National/Regional Crime Comparison

1999\* Crimes Per 100,000 Residents in Cities of 94,000-106,000 People, Nationwide

## Crimes per 100,000 Residents

City	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
Burbank, CA	2	8	96	208	366	1,610	554	2,846
Corona, CA	3	24	114	117	642	1,823	455	3,178
Costa Mesa, CA	4	28	102	173	471	2,330	366	3,474
Daly City, CA	7	22	97	130	251	1,613	390	2,511
Pueblo, CO	5	91	147	753	864	3,998	276	6,135
Clearwater, FL	4	49	230	727	1,176	4,196	350	6,731
Miami Beach, FL	10	57	571	786	2,044	9,412	1,724	14,604
South Bend, IN	17	76	356	333	2,255	5,052	717	8,806
Davenport, IA	2	56	191	1,179	1,482	4,456	451	7,817
Lowell, MA	3	33	91	651	621	1,146	712	3,257
Manchester, NH	2	34	118	63	732	2,570	418	3,936
Edison Township, NJ	0	9	65	161	317	1,790	404	2,746
Woodbridge Township, NJ	1	18	85	270	544	2,193	424	3,535
Albany, NY	13	49	398	490	1,934	4,580	453	7,917
Allentown, PA	11	39	348	258	1,105	3,203	559	5,523
Erie, PA	4	45	232	158	687	2,462	243	3,830
Clarksville, TN	7	54	75	374	755	2,156	275	3,695
Carrollton, TX	0	12	58	165	720	2,248	311	3,514
Midland, TX	1	76	53	225	724	2,369	164	3,613
Wichita Falls, TX	3	56	121	428	1,023	3,840	363	5,834
Provo, UT	0	40	18	67	531	2,380	179	3,216
Sandy, UT	2	26	35	125	485	2,347	177	3,197
Cambridge, MA	2	25	176	377	605	3,007	460	4,651
West Valley, UT	3	43	108	292	1,081	5,328	673	7,527
Portsmouth, VI	18	34	448	386	1,566	3,851	609	6,912
Green Bay, WI	6	44	42	258	863	2,930	199	4,342
Norwalk, CA	10	27	219	470	535	1,249	772	3,283
Ventura, CA	3	19	94	218	650	1,798	211	2,995
West Covena, CA	3	19	178	217	506	2,619	684	4,226
Pembroke Pines, FL	0	27	62	159	587	2,391	516	3,742
Livonia, MI	2	29	62	106	432	2,108	302	3,042
Roanoke, VI	7	51	236	393	725	3,231	320	4,963
Berkley, CA	3	29	356	379	1,091	4,977	770	7,606
Boulder, CO	0	42	39	120	607	3,234	201	4,243
Bellevue, WA	0	14	40	68	479	3,400	418	4,419
Richmond, VI	37	56	527	522	1,466	4,244	1,069	7,920
El Cajon, CA	3	33	129	434	604	2,115	712	4,031
Downey, CA	9	18	240	134	717	1,689	1,029	3,836
Lafayette, LA	8	48	193	517	1,427	5,287	589	8,068
<b>Average</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>4,993</b>
<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>3,007</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>4,651</b>

\*1999 statistics are not yet available for other cities and towns.

A comparison of Cambridge's 1999 Index Crimes per 100,000 residents to crime totals nationwide shows that Cambridge ranked below the nationwide *average* for all but two of the index crimes. When ranked in order of total crimes, Cambridge ranked just below the *median*.



## How Cambridge Compares Nationally:

- **Murder:** Low compared to the national average. Cambridge murders ranged from one to three per year on average in the 1990s, while most cities report between three and seven.
- **Rape:** Traditionally just at the national average, however for the past three years it has decreased significantly.
- **Robbery:** Slightly higher than the national average. We note that few of the other cities on the list are situated right next door to major metropolises, which doubtless accounts for a high percentage of "street crime."
- **Assault:** Slightly above the national average, but statistics are shaky and influenced by reporting practices.
- **Burglary:** Significantly below the national average. This may be due to the disappearance of the professional burglar in the northeast.
- **Larceny:** Slightly lower than the national average. In the northeast, because of climate, larceny is less of a factor for three to six months out of the year. Cities with high larceny rates are almost always cities with warm climates.
- **Auto Theft:** Slightly below the national average.

### 1999 Reported Crimes in Massachusetts Cities and Towns Between 50,000 and 150,000 Residents

City	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
Lawrence	4	76	270	NA	1,199	1,587	2,733	5,869
Brockton	10	30	221	788	845	2,620	1,066	5,580
Lynn	9	27	160	992	722	2,174	1,386	5,470
Chicopee	6	53	96	2,041	1,626	1,543	481	5,846
Fall River	5	25	150	452	806	2,439	544	4,422
Somerville	0	23	70	136	349	1,268	809	2,655
Lowell	3	33	91	651	621	1,146	712	3,257
Cambridge	2	25	176	377	605	3,007	460	4,651
Plymouth	2	32	28	194	406	1,595	120	2,376
Quincy	0	23	52	192	779	1,802	332	3,179
Taunton	0	21	66	349	466	1,890	307	3,099
Framingham	0	25	35	157	724	1,192	196	2,328
Malden	6	26	85	785	488	1,433	469	3,292
Springfield	5	89	329	1,510	2,045	3,085	968	8,031
Waltham	2	20	10	136	265	1,311	128	1,872
Weymouth	0	15	27	259	198	1,023	199	1,721
Medford	0	11	32	315	313	1,495	436	2,602
Newton	1	7	11	71	306	1,258	69	1,723

Average	3	31	106	553	709	1,771	634	3,776
Cambridge	2	25	176	377	605	3,007	460	4,651

## How Cambridge Compares Locally:

- **Murder:** Just below the average.
- **Rape:** Lower than the average.
- **Robbery:** Significantly higher than the average, probably due to our proximity to a major metropolis (see below).
- **Assault:** Significantly lower than the local average, but statistics are unreliable
- **Burglary:** Lower than the average.
- **Larceny:** Significantly higher than the average (see below).
- **Auto Theft:** Lower than the average.

While the majority of these cities empty during the day, Cambridge fills. Our daytime population is estimated at 250,000 people. This is reflected in the higher rates of burglary in the other cities (more likely with fewer people around) and the higher rates of robbery and larceny in Cambridge (more likely with more people around).